

Suffield Police Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Jan. 16, 2013

The Regular meeting of the Suffield Police Commission was held on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013 at Suffield Police Headquarters, 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, Ct.

Present were Chairman Matt Joyal, Commissioners, Kenneth Pascoe, Kevin Armata, John Zavisza, Gary Paganelli and Linda Stevenson. Also present were Chief Michael Manzi, Officer Peter Osowiecki, and recording secretary Karen McKown.

Mr. Joyal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Police Commission went directly into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. First Selectman McAnaney was in attendance for this portion of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Joyal read & distributed correspondences:

Note from Ms. Jill Schectman, Mr. Matthew Falkowski's, sister thanking the department and especially Officers Dabkowski and Antrum for their timely response and investigation which resulted in the capture of a burglar at 805 Mountain Rd. on 1/13/2013.

Note from Tracy H?, thanking the department for a gift given to her 16 month old while at Dunkin Donuts with a babysitter during this past holiday season.

Note from Dave Gray, thanking the department for a gift given to his granddaughter also during this past holiday season.

Note from Mary Williamson thanking the department for the 2012 Senior Holiday luncheon.

Note from the Martini family thanking the department for a gift given to their son while at the police department during this past holiday season. The child had recently been in the hospital for surgery. Mom asked if it was ok for the son to give the gift to his hospital bed mate whose family is apparently less fortunate than their own.

Note from the parents of Isabella Gray also thanking the department of the gift given to her during this past holiday.

PUBLIC INPUT

Several boy scouts in attendance. In order to get their "Communication Badges" they are required to attend a public meeting and chose the police commission meeting to fulfill the requirement.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, December, 2012

Mr. Paganelli motioned to accept the December minutes as submitted, seconded by Ms. Stevenson and the motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Manzi stated he has been busy with the state mandated year-end report as well as the 2013-2014 budget. Discussion regarding the price of gasoline for the cruisers going up from \$2.80 per gallon in 2012-2013 to \$3.86 for 2013-2014. The 2012-2013 budget that was submitted last year allowed for \$87,000 to be spent on gasoline. The new price per gallon would add \$30,000 to the overall budget. The Chief suggested using the same number (\$87,000) for the upcoming budget and letting the town make the adjustment if necessary as \$3.86 seems like a very high number at this time. The Chief also stated that the overall operations budget for 2013-2014 will only be increased by .002%. The increase is due to higher service maintenance contract rates for department copiers and the dispatch CAD system (IMC). The payroll budget will also increase due to the officers receiving a contracted 1.75% pay increase as well as any upcoming step raises. In all, the budget will be increased by about 2% which is on track.

Discussion regarding cruisers. The newest fleet vehicle, the SUV should arrive in February. The Chief spoke with several other area Chiefs at the last Chief's meeting whose departments currently have the same SUV's and their departments all seem to be very pleased with them. The Chief stated, with the commission's permission, he would like to order a second one in this fiscal year's budget.

Mr. Joyal asked about the plate reader. The Chief stated it will be coming to our department soon.

ACTIVITY –

Mr. Zavisza inquired about the department reports and wondered if they had increased by 100 over the last month. The Chief stated they had due to a traffic initiative.

Mr. Joyal inquired why the animal control complaints have increased. The Chief stated that Angelo has been working hard on the delinquent license list as he takes great pride in keeping it up to date. In addition the East Granby calls are included in that number. East Granby currently pays \$15,000 per year for our assistance.

K-9 REPORT –

Officer Osowiecki and K-9 "Z" recently assisted with a sweep of the high school in Ledyard. Ledyard PD had assisted with the Suffield High School sweep last year as well.

Mr. Zavisza motioned to accept the department reports as presented and discussed. Mr. Paganelli inquired about the missing School Resource Officer report. The Chief stated Officer Antrum has been extremely busy especially in light of the recent incident in Newtown which has led to more “school safety” meetings and activity. The Chief stated he would speak to Officer Antrum about his report. The Chief also spoke briefly to the students in attendance of the meeting and asked if they had participated in any “lock down” drills at school recently and they stated they had. The adult “mom” with them asked the Chief if any plan has been initiated for surveillance cameras in the schools. He stated that topic has been and is still being discussed in order to find the best route to take. The best action is preventive measure. Mr. Paganelli seconded the motion to accept the department reports and the motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF’S REPORT

The Chief discussed the recent burglary at Sam’s Smoke shop. The burglars broke in through the roof, which is the only part of the building not alarmed. They were also never captured on any of the parking lot surveillance videos. They stole over \$17,000 worth of cash, cigarettes and instant lottery tickets. The Gaming Commissioner came and spoke with the Chief and provided a surveillance picture from a store in Enfield of a man cashing one of the stolen lottery tickets.

Officer Christopher Richards is doing well. Very nice guy and is going to fit in well with this department. He is currently riding with officer Lacic on FTO for 30 days. He will then ride with Officer Dabkowski for 30 days on evening shift and then with Officer Fuller for 30 days on the midnight shift. He will also be spending time with Lieutenant Brown and Detective Sargent.

Officer Kieselback recently and accidentally shot himself in the hand with a Taser while test firing it. One of the prongs went into the bone in one of his fingers. He sought medical treatment at Hartford Hospital and was out for 3 days, but is now back and recovered.

Mr. Zavisza motioned to accept the Chief’s report as presented, Ms. Stevenson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

*** End of Chief’s report. Chief Manzi’s full report is attached to these minutes***

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The Cusson Automotive contract for cruiser repair expired on January 1, 2013. West Village Tire and Auto was slightly less expensive and is very close to the police department so the new contract went to them.

The Chief announced that Karen McKown will be retiring on 1/18/2013 after 24 plus years of service. The Chief thanked her for her service and Mr. Joyal wished her luck with her endeavors.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Mr. Joyal thanked Karen for putting together the new police commission calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Respectfully submitted

Recording Secretary

Matt Joyal, Chairman

Karen McKown
(Minutes transcribed by Stacey E. Robins)